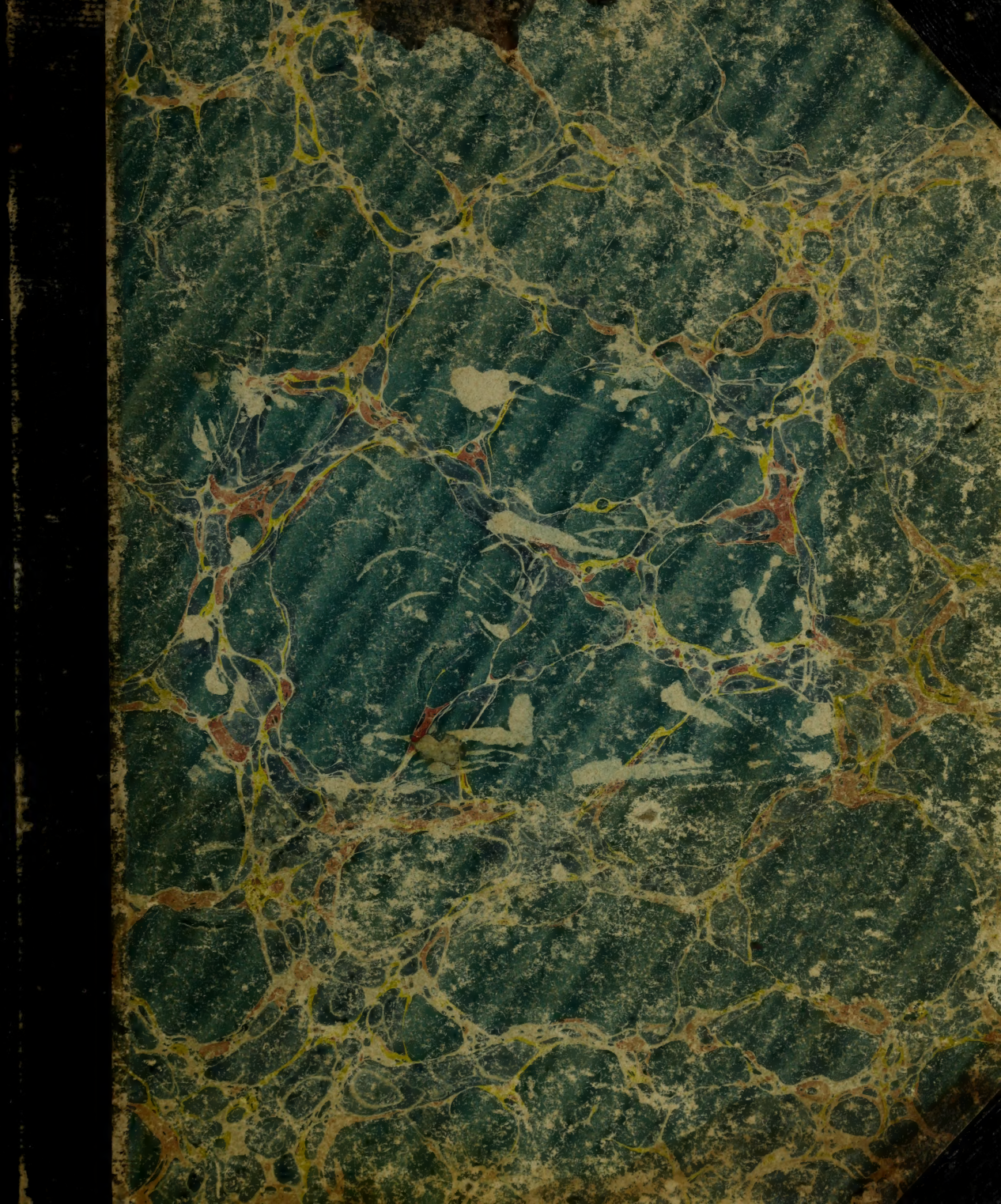

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Dana June 2nd 1884

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Winchendon

Gentlemen Samuel A. Whitney whose legal settlement was in your town came into this town sick and in needy circumstances and he died last week and this Board was ~~called~~ upon to furnish relief which we ~~furnished~~ and furnished and paid his funeral expenses and charged the same to your town which you are requested to pay

The bills amount to $55.54 the Overseers of Poor

For and in behalf of the Overseers of P. of the town of Dana

Yours &c

Ezra Comee

one of said Overseers

Return made to the Special Committee
on the subject of taxation Sept 12. 1865

Amount of indebtedness incurred
in consequence of the war which
has been paid by the town 765.84

Amount of indebtedness ~~of the~~
incurred by the town of Dana
on account of War 8022.34

Total cost of the War $ 8788.18

Notes Continued

date of Note			Principal
1865 Feb 24.	Cyrus W. Stevens	X	$480.00

from Sale Paid Aug 18-/68

1862 March 13	Seth W. Amsden	X	200.00

Paid

Int paid to March 13. 1864.

1862 Apl 16	Elisabeth Stevens	X	$100.00

from Sale Paid

1862. Apl 18	Seth W. Amsden		300.00

Int Interest paid to April 18/68

Paid Interest to Apl 18. 1864.

Paid

Notes continued

Date of Note				Principal
1862 May	Luther X Paid	Amsden	+	$145.00
1862 May 3. from Date	Isaac	Doane	X	$155.00
1862 June 21. from Date	Erastus M.	Brooks		$100.00

Interest due from June 21-1868

Aug 5. 1862. X Paid	Nelson K.	Foxworth	X	$100.00

Int. paid to Aug 5. 1864.

Notes Continued

Date of Notes — Principle

1862 Nov 3rd Stephen D Goddard $800.00
Int paid to Nov 3rd 1864 Paid

1863 May 4 Marcus Goodman $1200.00
Paid Int paid to May 4. 1864.

March 12. 1864 Amon A. Peckham $382.00

1864 March 12 Lovina A. Bliss Paid 225.00

1864 March 12 Hosea Tolman 275.00
Paid $216.00

Notes Continued

Date of Note — Principal

1865 March 1864 Abba Bliss $1054.00

Paid $105. Paid

Date of Note June 27th 1866

Renew June 27-/66 & Paid July 13-/68

1864 Aug 1 Isaac Doane — $200.00

upon Note

1864 Aug 1. Jacob S. Whipple Paid $55.00

$25,00 Paid on death of Mrs Sally Amsden, Notes

1864 July 29. Sally Amsden $625.00

1864 July 29. Sally Amsden $512.00

Sept 7th 1872 Paid on Sally Amsden Notes $135,12

New Note Given

1864 Sept 14 Lapsin Cummings $50.00

Notes continued

Date of Note — Principal

1862 Aug 26 Isaac Doane X $100.00

Int paid $2.16

1865 May 10. X Mrs C.C. Thayer Paid $100.00 X

from May 10/66

1866 March 13th Albert Amsden $1000, ov

on interest after the first of April nxt

Interest paid to April 1868

Interest paid to Apr. 1st 1870

Apr 1st 1871 Paid one years interest (to M. J. Williams)

" 1872 " " " interest to M. J. Williams

Notes Continued

1866 March 13th Albert Amsden $2.000, 00

on interest after the first of April next Interest paid

to April 1st 1868 Interest paid to Ap 1st 1870 Carried forward

Cancelled A. J. Counth Note Paid 307, 60

June 20th 1866 Sehalled Towne Note 200, 00

Paid

June 25th 1866 Constant Johnson Note 200, 00

June 27th 1866 Abba F. Bliss Note 190, 00

April 20th 1865 Isaac Doane $ 400, 00

one year due

Interest paid to Aug 1, 1870

Cancelled

New note given and Interest paid by Town Order April 1st 1871

Notes given out against the town to individuals for the remuneration of money contributed towards bounties paid to recruits into the United States service agreeably to vote of the town June 26. 1865.

Date of vote	to whom given	Amount	When due
1865 June 26	F. S. Knights	45.00	June 26. 1866.
	Hiram Peake	60.00	" Aug 18
	Lorenzo Peake	60.00	" Aug 18
	Joel F. Pelham	65.00	" Aug 18
	L. H. Goodman	65.00	" Aug 14 R+B
	D. L. Richards	60.00	" Aug 18
	C. N. Doane	60.00	" Aug 18
	N. L. Johnson	66.25	" Sept 4
	James S. Brown	60.00	" Aug 18
	Seth F. Brown	60.00	" Aug 18
	F. M. Goodenow	60.00	" N.Y.P. Aug 14
	L. H. Richardson	25.00	" Aug 18
	C. A. Stone	10.00	" N.Y.P. Sept 4
	L. L. Hackmer	45.00	" Aug 18
	Henry Sharon	65.00	" Aug 18
	L. H. Richardson	40.00	" Aug 18
	Harrison Parsons	45.00	" Aug 18

Notes Continued

July 4th Lorain & Bucks Note X 150, 00

Paid

July 14th 1866 Mrs Clarks & Lindsey Note X 100, 00

Paid

April 12th 1869 Millers River Saving Bank, Note

Interest pay to Jan 1st $ 1,000,

Interest paid to Dec, 31st 1870

Interest paid to Dec 31st 71

Int. Paid to Jan 1st 1873

List of Notes

June 20 1870 Mrs S. M. Smith one note of three Sojety Seven dollars Seven Cents $367,07
Nov 24 1871 Endorsed $50.00

March 12 1870 Timothy Stone one note of three hundred eighty dollars ninety Seven Cents $380,97

March 21 1870 Lucy Amsden one note of two hundred Eighty two dollars thirty Siji Cents $282,36

Oct 10th 1870 Clara L. Thayer one note of one hundred dollars $100,00
Dec 14th 1871 Paid one years interest

Oct 8th Sarah J. Randall one note
1870 for four hundred $ 400,00
Paid Sept. 14th 1871

Sept. 14th 1871
Sarah J. Johnson one note
of two hundred and fifty Dollars $ 250,00
Jan 1872 Paid fifty dollars
Interest Paid up to Sept 14, 1872

1866 March 13th Albert Amsden
Note of $ 2000.00
on interest after the first of
April next
Interest paid to April first 1868
" " " " " 1870
" " " " " 1871
" " " " " 1872

1870 Rail road Notes

Sept 1st S. A Chamberlins note of five hundred Dollars at 7 per cent interest $500,

Sept 1st 1871 One years interest paid

Sept 1 1872 " " 35 dollars

Oct 1st John W. Morgan one note of Forty Dollars at 6 per cent $40

Paid Nov 11th 1871

Oct 26th 1870 William T. Freeman Treasurer of New Salem School fund five thousand dollars at 7 per cent $5000

Oct 26 One years interest Paid 1871

" 26 One years interest Paid 1872

1870

Oct 1st Hiram Barrows one note of
thirteen hundred and forty
Dollars at 7 per cent $1340,
Oct 23 One years interest Paid
Oct 1st 1871 one years Interest Paid
" 1

Dec 10th Treasurer of New Salem
School fund twelve hundred
Dollars at 7 per cent $1200,
Interest paid to Dec 10th 1871
" paid to Dec 16 1872

Feb 2d Treasurer of New Salem School
fund thirteen hundred and forty
Dollars at 7 per cent $1340,
Paid Apr 8th 1871

1871 [illegible] paid on Oct 11, 1872 as follows

April 1st Commonwealth of Massachusetts one Note of two thousand and two hundred thirty three dollars at 6 per cent Interest. Due April 1st 1876 $2233

Feb 19th 1872 Paid Six months interest

April 1st Commonwealth of Massachusetts one Note of two thousand two hundred & thirty three dollars at 6 per cent Interest. Due April 1st 1881. $2233

Six Months interest paid

April 1st Commonwealth of Massachusetts one Note of two thousand two hundred & thirty four dollars at 6 per cent Interest Due April 1st 1886 $2234

Feb 19th 1872 Six Months interest Paid on the above Note.

April 1 Isac T one one Note of Four hundred & fifty Dollars at 7 per cent Interest $450

April 1st Jefferson Hill one Note of Four hundred Dollars at 7 per cent Interest $400 X

Paid Oct 11, 1872

1871 Aug 1 Dan Hastings
Note of $ 75.00
August 2nd 1872 Paid

1871 Aug 29 Erastus M Brooks
Note of 100,00
Jan 18 1873 Paid 5.20

1872 Sept 7th Sully Amsden
Note of $ 100,00

Dana Dec 15th 1874

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Shutesbury

Gentlemen

Joseph W. Felton and his Mother Martha Enoch (or Felton) whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances have applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town which you are requested to pay and cause the removal of said paupers as they are now the proper charge of your town

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Yours &c Ezra Comee Chairman of the said Board of Overseers

P.S. Joseph W. Felton is a son of Nathaniel Felton I understand that after Mr Feltons death his wife Martha married or lived with Benjamin Enoch who had no legal settlement in this State

Mailed post paid Dec 16 E. C.

Dana Jan 6th 1875

To the overseers of the Poor of the town of North Brookfield

Gentlemen

George H. Alexander and his wife Esther and William H. and Amelia A. and Lewis F. and John B. and Anna M. Children of said George H. and Esther whose lawful settlement is in North Brookfield are now in this town (Dana) in such circumstances as to require relief as paupers we have assisted them to a small amount and charged the same to your town which you are requested to pay and cause the removal of said paupers as they are now the proper charge of your town (North Brookfield) we shall continue to assist them when necessary until you remove them or otherwise provide for their support

Yours Respectfully

By order of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Dana

Ezra Comee - Chairman of said Overseers

(Jan 6-1875
Mailed Postage paid)

North Brookfield Jan 7th 1875

Overseers of the Poor Dana

Gentlemen

Yours of 6th Inst is just received As to G. H. Alexander his wife & their children Six we have to say that this town is not the place of legal Settlement of said Paupers & we shall therefore decline to remove them or provide for their Support or contribute thereto

Yours in behalf of the Overseers of Poor of N. B.

Hiram Knight

Chairman & Secretary

P.S. We suppose you notify us because we some 10 years ago more or less paid a small bill to the town of Barre on their account we did so because the member of our board who undertook to look up the case was more than 60 days about it & did not deny them when the bill was sent we saw that we were caught in the meshes of the law & did not resist & have forgotten the historical facts

in the case of this family or whither we decided in our own minds where their settlement was but one thing was impressed on my mind (some £20 worth) that we ascertained that they did not belong to us, we ransacked Charlton & some other towns & found the family a hard one to trace If I could remember or if I supposed Mr Daniel Whiting who undertook this case at the time could tell what he found out I would gladly tell you

Yours H. K.

Dana Feb 4th 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of North Brookfield

Gentlemen

We have investigated the case some what in regard to the place of lawful settlement of George H. Alexander and family we find that his father and mother were both foreigners and had no settlement in this State after the death of his father his mother married Mr Dewing who had a settlement in North Brookfield George being a minor took the settlement that his mother gained by her second marriage

We would refer you to Decisions but we understand that it was on learning the above facts you paid a bill for Geo. H. and family to the town of Barre

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Ezra Comee Chairman

North Brookfield March 24 1875

Overseers of the Poor of Dana

Gentlemen

We have been investigating the matter of George H Alexanders Birth and age ever since two of us were at Dana where we could find out nothing at all reliable as to his age now or when either he or his mother were married. His wife sets him at 19 when he was married which would make him 37 now, whereas he gave his age at Petersham in his marriage certificate as 24 making him now about 42. We have now ascertained that George was born in Charlton June 27th 1832 and consequently was 21 years two months old when his mother Married Dewing. And 25 years and 9 days old when he Married. So you will see that we are clear from the case by two months Over me I give the Dates and you can figure for yourself.

George H. Alexander Born June 27th 1832
His Mother Married Dewing Aug. 27 1853
George was Married July 6 1857

Yours Truly
Hiram Knight Clerk of Overseers of the Poor

Dana Feb 8th 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Waltham

Gentlemen

Phila K. Whitney & Eva A her daughter whose lawful settlement is in Waltham are now in this town (Dana) in such circumstances as to require relief as paupers we have furnished them assistance and charged the same to your town which you are requested to pay and cause the removal of said paupers as they are now the proper charge of your town we shall continue to assist them when necessary until you remove or otherwise provide for their support

Yours Respectfully

By order of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Ezra Carnes-Chairman of said Overseers

P.S. Phila K. Whitney is the widow of George H. Whitney and George H. son of Alpheus Whitney

Mailed postage paid Feb 10 75

E. C.

Waltham Mass Feb 12th 1875

To Ezra Cornee Eq
Overseer of the Poor
Dana Mass

Sir

Yours of the 8th inst
Claiming that Eva A & Phila K Whitney
to whom you are furnishing assistance
had a settlement in this - is at hand
To which we reply that neither Geo H.
or Alpens - Husband and Father never
had a settlement in this town and
that we refuse to render aid to the
above Phila K. or Eva A.
We have searched the records back to 1833
in vain for the name of either party

Yours Truly
Wm A. Adams
Clerk of Board

Dana Feb 8th 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Winchendon

Gentlemen

Phila R. Whitney & Eva A her daughter whose lawful settlement is in Winchendon are now in this town (Dana) in such circumstances as to require relief as paupers we have furnished them assistance and charged the same to your town which you are requested to pay and cause the removal of said paupers as they are now the proper charge of Winchendon we shall continue to assist them when necessary until you remove them or otherwise provide for their support

By order of the overseers of the Poor of the Town of Dana

Respectfully Yours

Ezra Conner Chairman

of said Overseers

P. S.

Phila R. Whitney is the widow of George H. Whitney and George H. the son of Alpheus Whitney

Mailed Postage Paid Feb 10th E. C.

Winchendon Feb 12th 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor Dana

Gentlemen

Your notice of Feb 8 received Upon due investigation and inquiry we find no evidence that said paupers Phila K & Eva A Whitney are the lawful charge of Winchendon therefore we decline removing said paupers or paying any expense on their account

By order of the Board of Overseers of Winchendon Mass

Very Respectfully Yours

Calvin G. Chadwick Jr Chairman of Overseers of Poor Winchendon

Fitchburg March 29 1875

Overseers Town Dane

Gents Charles H Woodard for whom we have been paying rent is now sick & we have carried him to our Alms House, he is very feeble & it will make some extra expense. He is able to be moved & perhaps you will think best to remove him

Yours &c
John P Tabin
for C. Poor

Enfield Massachusetts Apr. 7th 1875

To the Selectmen of Dane— Gentlemen

It is with feelings of peculiar nature that we call your attention to a matter that no one but the Selectmen of the town where a party having his residence can accomplish. We refer to the case of Mrs Persis O. Hayward formerly wife of Franklin Blackmer who yet has some small estate in your town. On January last our Father Chark Stone died suddenly. After the funeral his will was read which

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left Quite a sum of money to the said Persis W Hayward besides the 1/7 holf of all fathers household furniture. As soon as the will was read Fronis Blackmer one of Persis children made demond that the money should be so fixed that Persis would not run through with it. Since then we have received letters from some of the children demanding that we shall not pay over any funds to her the said Persis. As she is our sister we feel very humble in being obliged to ask what we now do still we think it the best for our fatherless Children and for the town of Dana. You are probably aware that the family is scattered. The younger members being put out in places as though they had no mother and such has been the case for the last two years or more Mr Franklin Blackmer left our sister in tolerably comfortable position but she would not live in Dana went to Springfield Married a man by the name of Hayward and from that to the present time her life has been very humble and we fear disgraceful. Her youngest children were taken off the streets by the ladies Christian union, and put out to good places. One of the girls is with me in West Va. We feel that our sister is a spendthrift and almost without character. We think there should be a Guardean appointed over her who should receive whatever may come from her fathers

North Dana April 8th 1875

Messrs E. James & J Henry Stone

Gents yours of the 7th inst. is received. In reply would say that we will take the matter into immediate consideration. We think it ~~we think it~~ would be for Mrs. H's best good to have a Guardian appointed, and will take the necessary measures to accomplish that end. In the mean time the funds or estate should not be permitted to go into her possession.

Respectfully

Note communicated Mailed April 9th 7 A.M. } Henry Gleason Chairman Selectmen of Dana

estate and while Persis should have the interest still the Principal should be held for her children We learn that Persis is trying to have Daniel Stone appointed Guardian of the children with a view of her getting a sale of her property in Dana. We hope it may please you Gentlemen to take the necessary steps promptly to have a

Sheriff's Office

Guardian placed over Miss Persis
W Hayward with a view of keeping
her from spending her estate and at the
same time of saving a moiety at least
for the children for if such a course is
not pursued we feel confident every dollar
of the estate will go within two years
after we pay it over to her."
When we were at Northampton getting out
our papers Judge Spaulding to whom we
named the matter, said there would be
no difficulty in getting Guardian appointed
over our sister as a "Spendthrift". But it
is better to have it done where she
now resides or where she formerly
resided. You can address by letter or
messenger Mr I Henry Stone Enfield

With Respect Yours Truly
E. James Stone
I Henry Stone
Executors of
last will
of
Clark Stone
deceased

P. S.

We would much prefer that Persis should
not know that this communication came
from us if you can so arrange

North Dana June 21st 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Greenwich — Gentlemen.

Orington Hill whose lawful settlement is in Greenwich is now in this town sick and in need of assistance. We have furnished him relief to a small amount which you are requested to pay, and cause the removal of said Pauper, or otherwise provide for his support as he is now the proper charge of your town.

The boy is quite feeble, and is probably being cared for as cheaply as you can provide for him. He is pretty slim to move

Yours &c
N. T. Kay
Clerk of Overseers of Dana

Mailed Postage prepaid June 21st 1875

North Dane Oct 6th 1875

To the overseers of the Poor of the town of Milford

Gentlemen

Will'm W Parks, his wife and three small children, the eldest nine years old, are now in this town (Dana) in destitute circumstances. The woman sick and unable to be moved; we think she cannot live but a short time.

We have furnished them relief to a small amount, and shall continue to do so, as they must need at the expense of your town (Milford) until you may otherwise provide. They having a lawful Settlement in Milford and consequently the proper charge of said town

Yours &c

A. J. Nye } Clerk of Overseers Poor of Dane

Mailed Postage Paid Oct 7th 1875 A. J. N.

North Dana Oct 6, 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Warren

Gentlemen — William Parks his wife and three small children the oldest being nine years old, are now in this town (Dana) in destitute circumstances, the woman sick and unable to be moved, We think she cannot live but a short time We have furnished them relief to a small amount, and shall continue to do so as they may need, at the expense of your town (Warren) until you may otherwise provide They having a lawful settlement in Warren and consequently the proper charge of said town

Yours &c

N. J. Nye } Clerk of Overseers of Town Dana

The above letter was mailed Postage paid Thursday morning Oct 7th 1875

N. J. N.

Milford Mass Oct 9th 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Gentlemen; We hereby inform you that Wm W Parks his wife and three children whom you describe in your letter of the 6 Oct. are not inhabitants of this town and have no legal settlement therein; and that we utterly refuse to contribute any thing towards their support, or to remove them from your town, or to pay charges that have already accrued by their being supported at the expense of the Town of Milford.

In behalf of the Overseers of the Poor in Milford

With respect Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servt

Elias Whitney One of said Overseers —

As you seem to assume that the above family belong to Milford, will you please to inform us in what way they have gained a settlement. We have rejected a family of the same name in three different towns in this past years and have been unable to find out in what way they claim this town as their lawful Settlement

E. W.

Warren Oct. 9th 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Gentlemen — Your notice dated Oct. 6th 1875 informing us that Wm. W Parks his wife and children, are on expense in your town as paupers, and alledging that their legal Settlement is in this town is received. They do not belong this town. We therefore decline removing said Paupers or paying any expense that has arisen or may arise for their support. By order and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of Warren

Yours &c John Tyler } Chairman

N. B. Mr Parks went to War on the quota for Conway so that will be his place of Settlement. He never gained any Settlement in this town in any way

J Tyler

North Dana Oct. 14 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Conway Gentlemen

Wm W Parks his wife and three small children, the eldest being nine years old, are now in this town (Dana) in destitute Circumstances. The Woman sick and unable to be moved We think she cannot live long. We have furnished them relief to a small amount, and shall continue to do so, as they may need, at the expense of your town (Conway) until you may otherwise Provide. They having a lawful Settlement in Conway and consequently the proper charge of said town.

Yours Respectfully
A. J. Nye
Clerk of Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Mailed Postage Paid Oct. 15 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Gentlemen — Your letter of Oct. 14 ult.
respecting the support of Wm. W Parks and family
was duly received, upon investigation we are
satisfied that this town is not the place
of lawful settlement of said Pauper and
family, Consequently we cannot assume
their removal, or contribute towards
their support Yours &c

Edwin Cooley } Chairman of the
Conway Nov. 3 1875 } Overseers of Conway

In the late war Wm Parks enlisted
in the 27th Reg M.V.M. was accredited
to the Quota of Warren and was
honorably discharged E. Cooley

North Dana Nov. 22 1875

Overseers of Poor of the town of Warren

Gentlemen —

On further inquiry and investigation in the case of Wm W Parks & family we are satisfied that his lawful Settlement is in the town of Warren, and shall still look to your town for his support. The town of Wareny has paid bills in behalf of said Parks & family, to several other towns, and we would respectfully inquire on what grounds you now deny him

Most Respectfully yours

A. J. Nye } Clerk of Overseers
town of Dana

Mailed Postage Paid Nov. 22 1875

Warren Dec. 2 1875

Overseers of Poor of Dane

Gentlemen — Yours of the 22 of Nov is at hand. In regard to Wm W Parks, we cannot find that he ever had any Settlement in this town. He went into the war for the town of Conway so say the record that would establish his settlement there If our town did pay a bill in an error, it does not establish a Settlement Now will you be kind enough to inform us on what grounds that you think he belongs to Warren We therefore decline removing or paying any bills for Legal Paupers

Yours With Respect

John Tyler } Chairman of Overseers of the Poor of Warren

Office of the Overseers of the Poor
Corner of Hawkins & Chisholm Sts Boston
Dec. 11th 1875 — To the Overseers of the
Poor of the town of Dana — Gentlemen
Irene Howe acknowledged Pauper
whose legal Settlement is in your
town but now residing in this City
being in needy circumstances, has
applied to this Board for relief, which
he have granted, and charged to
your town and shall continue so
to do, until you remove or otherwise
provide for her support.
For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor
of the City of Boston
With respect Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
F. W. Mather

North Dana Dec 17 1875

Overseers Poor Boston

Gentlemen— your communication of the 11 instant is recd. I in reply would say That we have paid a small bill to the City of Boston for the assistance I have Howe yearly and expect to do so still But we would respectfully inquire if she is incurring any extra expense that caused this Notification or has she moved into different quarters where the Overseers are not conversant with the facts in the case will you please write and tell us the amount of expense being incurred and the reason of the Notification &c.

Respectfully &c. &c.

Clerk of Overseers Poor
Dana

North Dana Jan. 6th 1876

To the Board of State Charities

Gentlemen ——— William W Parks his Wife Sarah and three small children, are in this town in destitute circumstances. We have made every effort to ascertain where they have a lawful Settlement and have been unable to find any. So conclude they are State Paupers. The wife and mother is sick with consumption and unable to be removed to a State Almshouse. They have called for aid which we have rendered and for which we shall claim reimbursement from the State to the extent of the Statute

Very Respectfully Yours

A. J. Nye } One of the Overseers
of the Poor of Dana

North Dane Jan" 14th 1876

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Northampton

Gentlemen — Wm. W. Parks his wife Sarah and three small children whose lawful Settlement is in Northampton are now in this town (Dana) sick and in need of assistance We have furnished them relief to some considerable amount which you are requested to pay, and to cause the removal of said Paupers as they are now the proper charge of your town

Yours &c

A. J. Nye } Clerk of Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dane

The above letter was mailed Postage Paid January 14th 1876 — A. J. Nye

Office of The Overseers of the Poor
Northampton Mass. Jan 17th 1876

Overseers Dane Dane Lyon

Your Notice dated Jan. 14th
informing that Wm W Parks
With wife and three children.
is on Expense as a pauper in your
town, and alleging that the legal
Settlement is in this town is
received. Upon due inquiry we
find no evidence that this town
is the place of their lawful settle-
ment. We therefore decline removing
them or paying any Expense that
has arisen or may arise for
their support. In behalf of the
Overseers of the Poor of Northampton

Respt. Yours E. K. Storkeather
One of said overseers of the Poor

North Dana Jan 25th 1876

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Greenfield — Gentlemen

Wm W Parks his Wife Sarah and three small children, Whose lawful Settlement is in Greenfield are now in this town (Dana) sick and in need of assistance.

We have furnished them relief to some considerable amount, which you are requested to pay, and cause the removal of said Paupers as they are now the proper charge of your town

Respt Yours

A J Nye } Clerk of Overseers of Poor of Dana

P.S. We claim a Military Settlement Parks having served on the quota of Greenfield in the 57th Regt Co A

A. J. Nye

The above letter was mailed Postage Paid the morning of the 26 of Jan 1876 A. J. Nye

Office of the Board of Directors of Public Institutions
Boston Dec. 7 1875

To the Overseers of the Poor of the
town of Dana — Gentlemen
John Curran Pauper belonging
to your town was admitted into
the House of Industry (the almshouse)
in this city on the 6th of December
1875 and we charge his support
to your town and shall continue
to do so, until he shall be removed
or otherwise provided for
By order and in behalf of the
Board of Directors for Public Institutions
of the City of Boston
Respectfully yours &c

John S. Riddle

In V. R. C. Quote of Dana

North Dayne Jan 27 1876

Board of Directors of Public Institutions

Boston

Gentlemen

Your Communication of Dec 7

with regard to one John Curran

is at hand

We would like to be informed

in what Co A & Co he served

and if he has been honorably

discharged and other facts which

are necessary to fix him in this

town as a Pauper

Respectfully Yours

A. J. Bge } Clerk of Overseers
of Poor of Dayne

The above was mailed Postage Paid

Postage Many Jan 28 1876

North Dana Jan. 31st 1876

Overseers of the Poor of the town of Warren — Gentlemen

Upon a thorough investigation of the case of Wm. W Parks, on our part, and in the opinion of the best of legal Counsel, We are convinced that the said Wm. W Parks has a lawful military Settlement in the town of Warren. The expense incured up to the Present time is not far from two hundred dollars, which you are requested to Pay, or we shall take legal measures to collect. For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of Dana

Respectfully Yours

A. J. Nye Clerk of Said Overseers

The above letter was mailed Postage Paid Jan. 31st 1876

War Department Washington City
January 13th 1876

Hon J. W. Feely
House of Representatives — Sir
I have the honor to state, in reply to your letter of the 5th inst asking for information of Wm W Parks, that a soldier of said name enrolled October 10, 1861, in Co. L 2d Massachusetts Volunteers, and was discharged on certificate of disability October 6th 1862 No record of his being accredited to any town
Wm Parks was enrolled Dec. 30, 1863 and mustered in January 4, 1864, a Private in Co. A, 57th Massachusetts Volunteers to serve three years; Deserted January 6th 1864, Was apprehended July 6, 1864, Sentenced to lose all pay and allowances due, and to forfeit $10 per month of his monthly pay for the period of fifteen months and to make good all time lost by desertion. He was mustered out and honorably discharged July 20, 1865 His name on the

muster rolls as Wm W. Parks and was credited on last enlistment to Subdistrict No 27. town of Greenfield Franklin County Mass.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. T. Crosby Chief Clerk
For the Secretary of War in his absence

Palmer Jan. 17 1876
There is on record here among the marriages one of William W Parks and Sarah L Harwood. Date Feb. 10 1866. married by Rev C. H. Hammond
J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Adjutant-Generals Office

Boston January 29 1876

The name of John Curran of Dana Aged 36. occupation —— is borne upon the Muster out Roll of Co. V. R. Corps. Volunteer Infantry. Enlisted on the 25th day of June 1864. and mustered into service of United States on the 25th day of June 1864 for 3 years. Discharged on the 16 day of Nov. 1865

James A Cunningham
Adjutant General

Dana March 13. 1876

Town of Warren to the town of Dana Dr

To cash paid Dr M. S Lindsey for medical attendance on William W Parkes wife from Oct 2d. 1875. to Jan 26. 1876. 42 visits & medicine $2.00

Paid Betsey Wells for taking care & nursing Mrs Parkes 8 weeks up to Jan 29th 1876. $32.00

Paid Elizabeth Ramsdell for nursing Mrs Wm W Parkes $15.00

Paid D. L. Pinkard for goods furnished Wm W Parkes from Oct 12. 1875. to Feb 29. 1876. 49.00

Paid C. P. Downe for meat furnished Wm W Parkes from Oct 16. 1875. to Feb 29th 1876. 21.50

Paid William Lincoln for milk for the Parkes family 10.60

Paid Lindsey & Freeman for Boots 2.50

Orders paid by Henry Gleason for Wm W Parkes 7.00

Overseers of the Poor of Warren. Gentlemen $149.60

Received from Lodge paid Dana March 14th 1876

Herewith is a bill of expense of Wm W. Parkes. and his family Paupers whose legal settlement is in Warren. Which we have charged to your town we respectfully request you to pay the same

Yours Respectfully By order of the Overseers of the Poor of Dana James A. Gorham Chr. Dana March 13th 1876

Warren March 24th 1876

Overseers of the Poor Dunn

Gentlemen

Yours of March 13th received
We are still unable to find any evidence what ever of Wm W. Parks having a Settlement in this Town Military or Otherwise. The fact that this Town has paid bills does not give him a Settlement here it only shows negligence on the part of the Overseers in looking up the case. You claim that he has a Military settlement in this town, please state the time of enlistment and the Regiment he went in for we are unable to find any record of his being credited to this town. But we do find record of his being credited to Milford. Place of his Settlement is without doubt in my mind in Milford

Yours Respectfully

O F Bliss

One of the Overseers of Poor Warren

Dana March 27th 1876

Overseers of the Poor of Warren

Gentlemen

Yours of the 24th is received in reply I would say that Wm H. Parks was enrolled October 10th 1861. in Co. I. 27th Massachusetts Volunteers and was discharged on Certificate of disability October 6th 1862. No record of his being accredited to any town. The above is from the War Department at Washington which we think is good authority. For further evidance of said Parks having a Military Settlement in Warren we would refer you to the Laws and Resolves of Massachusetts in the year of 1870. Chap 392. Sec 5th If their is a Wm H. Parks who has a Settlement in Milford we are satisfied he is not the Parks that we claim has a Settlement in your town

Yours Respectfully

James A. Gorham Chr. of the Overseers of Poor Dana

Mailed postage paid March 28th 1876

Warren April 2nd 1876

To the Overseers of the Poor of Dunn

Gentlemen

Yours of the 27th March. is received. And in reply would say that the information which you claim to have got from the War Department at Washington in regard to Wm W Parks Which was credited to no Town. and of course belongs to Warren) happens to be Wm P. Parks and is credited to Conway.

And now I. would say as I think there has been enough said in this matter that Wm W. Parks never had any legal Settlement in this Town Military or otherwise, and further, ~~that~~ that the town of Warren never paid any bills on account of Wm W. Parks and never expect to. Yours Truth Respect

one of the Overseers

O. F. Bliss

Office of the
Board of Directors of Public Institutions
30 Pemberton Square, Boston

Town of Dunn To City of Boston Dr

For Support of John Curran at Almshouse
from Dec 7th to April 17/76 16 4/7 weeks
at $4.00 per week $ 66.28

Received Payment

Please remit to this Office and send bill
& we will receipt & return

Yours Respectfully

Dunn April 10th 1876

Board of Directors for Public Institutions

Boston

Gentlemen

Your bill for the support of John Curran came to hand. will you please inform us wheather the bill is for anything except board and wheather or not he is likely to continue to be an expence so that we can know wheather it will be best for us to continue to pay bills for him where he now is or remove him to our Almshouse

Yours Respectfully

James A Gorham

Chair of the Board of Overseers of the Poor of Dunn

Office of The
Board of Directors for Public Institutions.
32 Somerset Square.
Boston April 11th 1876
Overseers of Poor Dana

Gents

Yours of the 10th
is in hand. The charge in all cases $11.00 per week
where the pauper remains more than 30 days after
notification I dont know why he will not stay
all summer if he is allowed to. The pauper you
would remove hime as soon as possible

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Thurston Sec'y

Bickertown April 12th 1876

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dunn

Gentlemen

Mr Luther Coates and his Children to wit Emeline S. aged 12 years Mary J. 9 years & Lorus H. 4 years whose legal Settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances has applied to this board for relief which we have granted, and charged to your Town, and shall continue so to do until you remove or otherwise provide for their support.

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Bickertown,

With respect Gentlemen your obedient Servant,

Franklin Timmons
one of said Overseers

P. S. Coates says he owned real estate in your town some 4 years & lived on it & paid taxes on the same. Yours &c. D.

Dana May 3.st 1876.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Belchertown.

Gentlemen.

Your notice dated April 12.th informing us that Mr Luther Cowls. and his three Children are on expense as paupers in your Town, and alleging that the legal settlement is in this town. is received. Upon due enquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said paupers. We therefore decline removing said paupers or paying any expence that has arisen or may arise. for their support.

With respect Gentlemen your Obedient servant. James A Gorham

one of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

P. S. We cannot find that their ever was a man by the name of Luther Cowles that lived in this Town, their was one Luther Cole that owned Real Estate here once and paid tax on it two or three years but did not live on it long enough to gain a legal settlement here. Yours &c.

The above letter was mailed postage paid May 3.st 1876

Dunn May 18th 1876

To the Overseers of the Poor of
Bethlehem. Gentlemen
Your letter of the 16th is received. In
reply would say that paying a bill
for the support of a Pauper does not
establish or fix the Legal Settlement
of said Pauper. It may show neglect
on the part of the Overseers in not
getting at the facts. The reason why
we think he (Luther Cole) never had
a Legal Settlement in Dunn is as
follows. The farm that Cole lived on
was sold to a Man by the name of
Hale and he took possession of it
Jun 16th 1851 and Cole left this Town.
now if he Cole had lived and occupied
said farm until April 5th 1851 he
might have gained a Legal Settlement
in this town. These are the facts of the
case for we have the Records of the
Deeds. Any further information that
we can give you Gentlemen we will
cheerfully do. Yours Respectfully. James
A. Gathum, Chr. of Overseers of Poor

Entitled to postage paid May 18th 1876

Dana Feb 26th 1877.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Petersham

Gentlemen.

Your notice dated Feb 17th informing us that Nettie E. and her Child Ella. Wife and Child of William F. Oaks as you say. Are on expense as paupers in your Town is received. Upon due enquiry. we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said paupers. We therefore declene removing said paupers or paying any expense that has arisen or may arise for their support. By order and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana.

With respect Gentlemen

James R. Gorham

One of said Overseers.

P.S. William F. Oaks may have a lawful settlement in this Town. But the Woman Nettie E. is not we are informed his lawful Wife said Nettie E. having a husband alive. never having been devoriced from him at the time she commenced living with Oaks.

Mailed postage paid Feb 26th 1877.

Dana June 26th 1877

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston

Gentlemen

Your notice dated June 23d informing us that Elizabeth Reimbach is on expense as a pauper in your City and alleging that the legal settlement is in this town is received. Upon due enquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said pauper. We therefore decline removing said pauper or paying any expense that has arisen or may arise for her support.

By order and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana,

With respect Gentlemen your

Obedient Servant

James B. Gorham } One of said Overseers

Mailed postage paid June 27th 1877.

Dunn July 13th 1877

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Springfield

Gentlemen

Your notice dated July 2d informing us that (Florence (Lucius) Sultus and Theresa Ellen Edward Andrew and an infant, children of said Florence are on expense as paupers in your City, and alleging that the legal settlement is in this town is received.

Upon due enquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said paupers, We therefore decline removing said paupers or paying any expense that has arisen or may arise, for their support, For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dunn

With respect Gentlemen

James H. Gorham

One of said Overseers

P. S. We have a list of all the names of the men that went to war for this town, and we think that Jeremiah Lucius never served in any Reg. or Co. for this towns quota.

Mailed postage paid July 13th 1877.

Dana May 2d 1877.

Overseers of the Poor

Springfield Mass

Your letter of July 17th was received. Would say that if Jeremiah Lucius was credited to this town as quota by the Adj't General the records of our town show that we filled all calls for soldiers made by the President of the United States and had a surplus of not less than four men besides. You say that it appears by the report of the Adj't General of soldiers Jeremiah Lucius was credited to the Town of Dana and his report is final in the matter. Now that the city of Springfield has its record of soldiers which went to our the Adj't Gen'l has many others which your records does not show. Now permit me to enquire did your City fill its quotas under all calls made by the President for troops, if it did do you find any law that would oblige your City to support as Paupers such as were added to your record by the Adj't Gen or any one. We are unable to find any law that compels towns that filled their quotas for all calls made for soldiers, that we think is all that is required by the statute. Therefore we think that this town is not obliged to pay bills for the support of Mrs Sallie and children. With Respect Gentlemen

James A. Gorham One of the Overseers of the

Stamps to be paid May 2d 1877. Poor of Dana

Dunn Aug 24th 1877

Treasurer of the Poor: - Springfield Mass.

Gentlemen: - Yours of Aug 22d Came duly to hand Inclosed a bill of $37,12. For Aid rendered Edward & Sullivan & family. Which you say you are satisfied have a Settlement in Dunn, on account of Jeremiah Sullivan serving as one of this towns quota in the late war. I would state that as soon as notification was received of the Sullivan family being helped as paupers before deeming the alleged settlement of said pauper I went to as good Counsel as we have here, and after looking the case over it was his opinion that this town having filled its quotas under all calls made for Soldiers during the late war and having the names of such recorded would be sufficient to protect this town being compelled to support any others that might be added without the consent or knowledge of said town. Now will you be kind enough to inform me whether you have any evidence that Jeremiah Sullivan ever served as one of this towns quota in the late war except what is to be found in the Records of the Massachusetts Volunteers published by the Adjutant General, and furnished & sent to the Cities and towns of this Commonwealth. If you have inform me, and please and please give me all the information your possess in relation to the matter,

Over

for we are always willing and ready to pay for supporting
all Paupers that have a lawful settlement in this town, and
do not intend to support those that have settlements elsewhere

Respectfully yours
James B. Gorham
One of the Overseers of the Poor, Dana

Mailed postage paid Sept 25th 1877

Dana Sept 25th 1877

To the Overseers of the Poor, of the City of Boston
Gentlemen, Yours of Sept 19th came duly to hand
and contents noticed. In reply would enquire if
Mathew Cook & family are still on expense as Paupers
if so what is the amount of your bill up to the
present time for assistance rendered them. Whether
they are in such circumstances as to need assisting for
some time yet, or may be in a short time able to take
care of themselves. & make these enquiries so to know
the most proper course to take in relation to the matter

Yours respectfully
James B. Gorham
One of the Overseers of the Poor of Dana

Mailed postage paid Sept 26th 1877

Duna Oct 18th 1877

To the Overseers of the Poor of Orange. Gentlemen
Your notice dated Oct 15th informing us that the Wife
and Children of William Oakes are on expense as
paupers in your town is received. Upon due enquiry
we can find no evidence that this town is the place
of lawful settlement of said paupers. We therefore
decline removing said paupers or paying any expense
that has arisen or may arise for their support.
By order and in behalf of the overseers of the Poor
of the town of Duna. With respect Gentlemen
your obedient servant. James A. Gorham
Chairmen
of said Overseers

P. S. I do not know of any William Oakes that has
a lawful settlement in this town. there is one
Wm J. Oakes that may. If he is the one that you are
helping as a pauper we shall look up his place
of settlement and if he belongs to this town provide
for him. But the woman you call his wife
is not so lawfully. having a husband alive never
having been divoiced from him at the time said
Nellie commenced living with Oakes as wife. Yours Truly. J. A. G.

Mailed postage paid Oct 18th 1877.

Dana Nov 16th 1877

Overseers of Poor of the City of Boston

Gentlemen

Your communication of Sept 27th was received, stating that you had assisted Mathew Cook to the amount of four dollars up to that date. Now will you be kind enough to inform me how much your bill up to the present time amounts to for assistance rendered him. Also whether his situation at the present time is such that it will be necessary to continue assisting him through the winter. The reason why we make these enquireys is so that we can better determin what will be the most Judicious course to be taken in relation to assisting him. Yours with Respect Gentlemen. James B. Gorham, Chairman Overseers of Poor of Dana

Dunn Nov 22th 1877. To the Overseers of the Poor of Orange. Gentlemen. Your notice dated Nov 17th 1877 informing us that the Wife of one William J. Oakes is on expense as a pauper in your town. is received, Upon due enquiry. we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said pauper. We therefore decline removing said pauper or paying any expense that has arisen or may arise for her support.
By order and in behalf of the overseers of the of the town of Dunn, With respect gentlemen your obedient Servant. James A. Gorham Chairman of said Overseers.
P. S. Will you please inform us if Wm J. Oakes himself is on expense. for if he is it is very likely that he has a legal settlement in this town.
But the wife Hattie E. Smith as you call her has never gained a Settlement in Dunn. by Marriage or in any way whatever. therefore we do not feel under any legal obligation to pay any bills for the support of her or her children
Yours Truly James A. Gorham

Mailed postage paid Nov 23th 1877.

Dunn Dec 25th 1877.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Barre. Gentlemen - Your notice dated December 24th informing us that George Alexander and his wife Ella Alice Alexander and their three children Viz - Lewis H: John B. and Anna M. are on extende as paupers in your town, and alledging that their legal settlemen is in this town, is received. Upon due enquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said paupers. We therefore decline removing said paupers, or paying any expense that has arisen or may arise for their support.

By order and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dunn

Your obedient servant

James B. Gorham

Clerk of said Overseers

Mailed postage paid December 25th 1877

Dana March 11th 1878

To the Overseers of the ~~poor~~ of the City of Springfield. - Gentlement

Your notice dated March 9th informing us that Florence Sullus - Theresa Ellen - Edward Andrew & Infant her children. are on expense as paupers in Your City, - and alleging ~~that~~ that the legal settlement is in this town, is received

Upon due enquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said paupers. We therefore decline removing said paupers, or paying any expense that has arisen, or may arise for their support

By order and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana

Your obedient servant

James A. Gorham One of said Overseers

Mailed postage paid March 11th 1878

Dana April 4th 1878

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Athol,

Gentlemen. Your notice without date, informing us that Mrs William F. Oaks and Child, are on expense as paupers in your town is received. Upon due inquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place lawful settlement of said paupers. We therefore decline removing said paupers, or paying any expense that has arisen, or may arise for their support

By order and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana, [illegible]

[illegible] B. Goodnow. Mailed postage paid April 4th 1878

One of said Overseers,

Dana April 29th 1878.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Petersham

Gentlemen, — Harry C, Knowlton and Charity P. Carrel, and Harry C, Wife and children of Nathan C, Knowlton, whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town, being in needy circumstances, has applied to this board for relief, which we have granted, and charged to your town, and shall continue so to do until you remove or otherwise provide for their support

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana.

With respect, Gentlemen, James B. Goodnow One of said Overseers.

Mailed postage paid April 29th 1878

Dana May 20th 1878.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Petersham,

Gentlemen, —

Maria Cutler and daughter Mary K. and an infant, Whose legal settlement in in your town, but now residing in this town, being in needy circumstances, has applied to this board for relief, which we have granted, and charged to your town, and shall continue so to do until you remove or otherwise provide for their support.

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana. With respect gentlemen, your obedient servant,

James A. Gorham

One of said Overseers.

Mailed postage paid May 20th 1878

Dana June 4th 1878

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Ware

Gentlemen, — Marcia Ann Marsh, whose legal settlement is in your town, but now residing in this town, being in needy circumstances, has applied to this board for relief, which we have granted, and charged to your town, and shall continue so to do until you remove or otherwise provide for her support

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana, — With respect, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

James L. Gorham One of said Overseers.

P. S. Husbands name Hiram L. Marsh

Mailed postage paid June 5th 1878

Dana June 4th 1878

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Greenwich —. Gentlemen

Marcia Ann Marsh, whose legal settlement is in your town, but now residing in this town, being in needy circumstances has applied to this board for relief, which we have granted, and charged to your town, and shall continue so to do untill you remove or otherwise provide for her support.

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana

With respect Gentlemen your obedient servant

James H. Gorham

One of said Overseers.

Mailed postage paid June 5th 1878

1878 June 4 Town of Greenwich to the Town of Dana Dr

Dr M. L. Lindsey's bill for Medical attendance and Medicine for Marcia Marsh 2,50

Cash paid for Medicine by James H. Gorham 2.42

$4.92

Sept 24th 1878 Rec pay James H. Gorham Overseer of the Poor

Dana September 13th 1878

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Petersham

Gentlemen, — Daniel Fortman and his wife Abba, and his Daughter Ellenor, Whose legal settlement is in your town, but now residing in this town, being in need, circumstances, has applied to this board for relief, which we have granted, and shipped to your town, and shall continue so to do until you remove or otherwise provide for their support.

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the poor of the town of Dana.

With respect, gentlemen, your obedient servant

James B. Jordan

One of said Overseers

P. S. I have been informed that said Daniels Father was at your Almshouse.

Mailed postage paid September 13th 1878.

Yuma Oct 12th 1878

Overseers of the Poor of Boston

Gentlemen, Yours of the 7th inst. came to hand. In reply would say having examined the records I find that Christian Rumbuck entered the service as a Musician on Mar 21st 1864. on Rec Ship Ohio. Credited to Boston on first enlistment Mar 1863. on last enlistment was credited to Danas quota. have not yet been able to ascertain whether he was in the service long enough to gain a settlement in this town, but will endeavour to as soon as I can. if he did will you the bill at once. If you know any thing that will help me to get at the facts in the case would be thankful to have you inform me at once.

Respc Yours

James B. Gorham

Chair. Overseers of the Poor of Yuma

Mailed Oct 12th, 1878. Postage paid

Dunn Oct 12th 1878.

Overseers of the Poor of Peterboro

Gentlemen

Your denial of Daniel Tolman or his father
ever having gained a legal settlement in
Peterboro was duly received. But you
admit that Tolmans father died at your
Almshouse after a short stay there. will you
be kind enough to inform me how he came to
be there if he had no settlement in Peterboro,
was he a State Pauper, or did he belong to
some other town if he did please inform what
town it was. Or any knowledge you have
in relation to said Daniels Fathers settlement.
and I will be much obliged

Respectfully Yours

James D. Gorham, one of the Overseers
of the Poor of Dunn

Mailed, postage paid Oct 12th 1878

Dunn Nov 11th 1878

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Litchfield — Gentlemen — Your notice dated Nov 7th informing us that George B. Chesterfield and his wife & two children are an expense as paupers in your town, is received. Upon due enquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said paupers. We therefore decline removing said paupers, or paying any expense that has arisen, or may arise, for their support

By order and in behalf of the overseers of the Poor of the town of Dunn.

Your obedient servant

James A. Gorham

One of said Overseers.

Mailed postage paid Nov 11th 1878.

Dunn Nov 11th 1878

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of
New Salem —, Gentlemen,
Rosina F. Dunn and her child Elmer, Whose
legal settlement is in your town, but now
residing in this town, being in needy circumstances
has applied to this board for relief, which we
granted, and charged to your town, and
shall continue so to do until you remove
or otherwise provide for their support,
Now and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor
of the Town of Dunn,

With respect Gentlemen,
James D. Graham
One of said Overseers

P. S. Rosina's husband Daniel Dunn is a
Tailor by trade so we have been unable to ascertain
that he ever gained a settlement in this State.
Therefore if Rosina's father has a settlement
in New Salem the family would become
chargeable to your town for their support.
J. D. G.

Direction, postage paid Nov 11th 1878

Dunn Feb 17th 1879

Town of Petersham

To the town of Dunn Dr.

1878. For aid rendered Mary E. Knowlton
and family from April 22d to July 22d $ 24.10

Dunn Nov 18th 1878.

Town of Petersham

To the town of Dunn Dr.

1878 For aid rendered Mary Cutler and
daughter Mary E. and an infant from
May 18th to June 14th . . . . $ 12.77
$ 7.27

James A. Gorham One of the Overseers of the
Poor of Dunn, mailed Feb 17th 1879. The above bill was paid Feb 24th 1879

Amount of the bill claimed of the
Commonwealth for support of
E. B. Sutton & family State paupers $ 23.47
The above bill was sent to the Office of the
State State Poor. June 14th 1879.

Mailed postage paid

Dana Dec 17th 1878

L. C. Wrightington Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th inst came to hand. Stating that my communication of the 9th was not sufficiently explicit. I would say Sulter has four children by his first wife who was like himself a State Pauper. Florence has four children by first husband Jeremiah Lewis, and an Infant since marrying Sulter, making nine children in all. Therefore the family being one half State paupers I think you will consider as I do that the State allow this town one half the amount of the bill which it has paid as before mentioned.

As the aid rendered the family has been only temporary I thought it would be for the best interest of the State and also for the town to pay the bill as they seem to be industrious worthy poor. If you should take a different view of the case please point out where I have erred. Yours Truly

James D. Gorham, One of the Overseers of the Poor of Dana, Amount of bill asked to be paid $25.2[illegible]

Dana Dec 19th 1878

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Prescott —, Gentlemen —,

Charles Wesley Thayer his wife Harriet. his children, viz. Charles. and an infant. whose legal settlement is in your town. but now residing in this town. being in needy circumstances. has applied to this Board for relief. which we have granted, and charged to your town. and shall continue so to do until you remove or otherwise provide for their support.

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana.

With respect Gentlemen.

James A. Gorham

One of said Overseers

P. S. Charles Wesley is a son of Nathan M. Thayer

Stamped postage paid Dec 19th 1878

Dunn January 27th 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Petersburn —,

Gentlemen.—

Valentine C. Cuthbone and his wife Mary Adeline Cuthbone, and Ruby Lovey, Henry G. and Elizabeth Adeline their children, whose legal settlement is in your town, but now residing in this town, being in needy circumstances, has applied to this town for relief, which we have granted, and warned to your town, and shall continue so to do until you remove, which you are requested to do, or otherwise provide for their support

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dunn

With respect Gentlemen

James B. Goreham

One of said Overseers

Dunn Feb 28th 1879 Town of Petersburn

To the town of Dunn Dr

1879

Jan 27th For Relief rendered V. C. Cuthbone & family $ 2.00

Dunn Feb 10th 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Brookfield. Gentlemen.

Your notice dated the 6th inst. informing us that Jane Brown and one child (wife and child of Horatio N. Brown are on expense as paupers in your town, and alleging that the legal settlement is in this town is received. Upon due enquiry, we can find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful settlement of said paupers,

We therefore decline removing said paupers, or paying any expense that has risen or may arise, for their support,

By order and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dunn.

With respect Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

James S. Gorham

One of said Overseers.

Mailed, postage paid Feb 10th 1879.

Sent a Bill for this in March

Dana April 12th 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Barre Gentlemen

Elizabeth A. (wife of Charles L. White) and Fred. Sarrah J. Effie J. Johnie W. and Hattie E. Children of said Charles L. & Elizabeth A. White. whose lawful settlement is in Barre but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances have applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove (which you are requested to do) or otherwise provide for their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Yours &c

Ezra Comee Chairman of said Board

P.S. Mrs White came to me and said that 2 qts of Meal was every thing she had in the house to eat & Mr White was away I let her have about 2,00 worth of Provision not answered E.C.

Monson Mass Apr 1 1879
Overseers of Poor Dana Mass
Gentlemen

Leorin A. Bliss whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances has applied to this board for aid & relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue to do so until you remove or otherwise provide for support of himself and family
For and in behalf of the overseers of the Poor of the town of Monson
R. M. Reynolds
Chairman said board

Gentlemen
Leorin A. Bliss went to war from your town on your quota his wife is very sick and has been for about three weeks he has gone as long as he could without asking help we have granted aid to him to the amount of five dollar to day & the prospect is will have help him considerable will do the best we can for you. think the woman will die
Truly yours R. M. Reynolds
overseer of Poor

Dana May 12th 1879

To the Overseers of Poor Monson

Gentlemen

Yours of the first of last month respecting Leorin A Bliss & family was received in due season Leorin A Bliss went to war on our quota and we hardly suppose that he has gained a settlement in any other town since

In regard to his family we was not aware that they was living together and you do not tell us what the family consists of therefore we cannot cause their removal nor contribute toward their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Ezra Comee

one of said Overseers

Mailed postage paid May 13 – 1879

Office of the Overseers of the Poor
City Hall Springfield Mass Apr 10 - 1879
To the overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana
Gentlemen

Edward A. Salters wife & Children whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this city being in needy circumstances have applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Springfield

With respect Gentlemen

James H. Lewis
one of said overseers

Acknowledged Case
Two children are sick and require medical attendance and medicine only If other expence is called for I will notify you

Dana May 12 – 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Springfield

Gentlemen

Yours of the 10th ult respecting the support of Edward A. Saltus wife & children was received in due season In reply we would say that on investigation we are satisfied that Dana is not the place of lawful settlement of Edward A. Saltus and in regard to the children we do not know how many you have got you want us to support therefore we cannot remove them nor contribute towards their support For and in behalf of the overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Ezra Conner
one of said
Overseers

Mailed postage paid May 13 – 1879

Overseers of the Poor of Dana, Mass

Gentlemen

Your favor 12th inst at hand and contents noted If you will read over the notification and letter of Apl 7/79 which we sent you you will find that the notice is on Lorin A Bliss for support of himself & family & you are then told that his wife is very sick &C &C If you know of any way to get around a notice of this kind then you probably will not have to pay the expence which we have been to and are still incurring for the woman is still sick in bed & unable to turn herself there think it would be to your interest to come and investigat the matter we shall look to you for payment of all expenses incurred in the case It is no fault of ours that you have not looked in to the matter before this

Respectfully yours

R. M. Reynolds

Chairman of Overseers of Poor

Monson Mass

Monson Mass May 15 - 1879

Office of the Overseers of the Poor
City Hall Springfield Mass May 19th 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Dana Mass

Gentlemen

Mrs Edward A. Collins and five children whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this city being in needy circumstances has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Springfield

With respect Gentlemen

James H. Lewis

one of said Overseers

Acknowledges case

To correct informality in notice of Apr 10. 79

Petersham May 2— 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Gentlemen

Amaziah Spooner and his wife Rebecca & Alyda his daughter whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for support

In behalf and by order of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Petersham

With respect Gentlemen

J. W. Upton

one of said Overseers

Dana June 30th 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Petersham

Gentlemen

Your letter respecting the support of Amaziah Spooner and Rebecca his wife and Hyda his daughter was received in due season and in reply we would say that we are satisfied that this town Dana is not the place of lawful settlement of said Paupers we cannot therefore cause their removal nor contribute towards their support

By order of the Overseers of the town town of Dana

respectfully Yours

Ezra Conree
one of said
Overseers

Dana Postage paid June 30-1879

Hardwick May 3 - 1879

To the overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana Mass

Gentlemen

William T. Oaks and his wife Hattie E. Oaks and their child Ella whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and Charged to your account and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for their support

For and in behalf of the overseers of the Poor of the town of Hardwick

With respect Gentlemen

your Obedient Servant

S. S. Dennis

one of said Overseers

Dana May 19th 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Hardwick

Gentlemen

Yours of the 3rd inst was received in due season and in reply would say that on investigation we find that Wm T. Oaks has a legal settlement in this town (Dana) But the woman & Child that he calls his wife & Child have not a legal settlement in this town we cannot therefore cause their removal nor contribute towards their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the town of Dana

Yours &c

Ezra Comee

one of said Overseers

P.S. Will you please inform us by return mail whether Wm T. Oaks is on expense or not I understand that the woman & Child have a legal settlement in the town of New Salem by her husband I think his name is Parkhurst and is the Childs Father Oaks is not her lawful husband

E. C.

Dana July 3rd 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Hardwick

Gentlemen

Aaron F. Johnson whose legal settlement is in your town but being in needy circumstances now residing in this town has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove said Pauper which are required to do or otherwise provide for his support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Yours Truly

Ezra Comee
one of said
Overseers

Complaint made by
A. M. Orcutt
June 30th 1879

Warrant for Postage paid July 4th

"	16	" 4½ " Pork	45	
"	19	" ¼ lb Tea	10	
"	"	" Flour	50	
"	"	" Matches	02	
				5,

Received Pay
E. T. Comee

E. T. Comee
Bill Against
Woodstock

1879 The Town of Dana 5

E. T. Comee Dr

To Goods furnished Aaron F. Johnson

June	30	To ½ lb Tea	20	
"	"	" 3 " Sugar	24	
"	"	" Flour	68	
July	2	" 2 lbs Crackers	16	
"	"	" 1 " Butter	18	
"	3	" Salt	10	
"	4	" 1 Bar Soap	05	
"	7	" 3½ lbs Pork	35	
"	8	" 2 qts Molasses	33	
"	"	" Crackers	10	
"	12	" ½ lb Tea	20	
"	"	" 2 " Sugar	16	
"	"	" Hosford	20	
"	"	" Crackers	12	
"	"	" 1 lb Butter	18	
"	14	" Flour	32	
"	"	" Meal	12	
"	15	" 2 qts Molasses	33	
"	"	" 2 lbs Sugar	16	
"	16	" 4½ " Pork	45	
"	19	" ¼ lb Tea	10	
"	"	" Flour	50	
"	"	" Matches	02	
				5,25

Received Pay E. T. Comee

Town of Dana

To A. M. Ocutt Dr.

To Medical Attd. upon Aaron Johnson

1879		
June	28	To one vis[it] and 2.25
"	30	To one vis[it] and 2.25
July	3.	To one vis[it] and 2.25
"	7.	To one vis[it] and 2.25

$9.00

Rec[d] Payment

A. M. Ocutt.

Hardwick
Jan 22.
1881.

Aaron Thomson

$9.00

Hoardwick Aug 23 - 1879
the Overseers of the Poor of the Town
Dear
Gentlemen
Your notice of July 3rd 1879
forming us that Aaron F. Johnson
on expence as a pauper in yo
n and alleging that the legal settlement
n this town is received
ion due inquiry we find no evidence
t this town is the place of lawful settlement
said pauper We therefore decline
emoving said pauper or paying any
xpence that has arisen or may arise
n his support
For and in behalf of the Overseers of
e Poor of the town of Hoardwick
with respect Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant

S. S. Dennis
one of said Overseers

Sent a Bill for this of 9.00 Mar 29-1880

Dana Nov 8th. 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Spencer

Gentlemen

William O. Rivermore whose lawful settlement is in Spencer but now residing in this town being sick and in needy circumstances has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged the same to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove said pauper which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for his support

and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully Yours &c

Ezra Conner Chairman of said Overseers

Not answered

Mailed Postage Paid Dec 12-1879. Sent a Bill of this Mar 29 1880

Bill 4,32

Dana Dec 12th 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Barre

Gentlemen

Charles L. White and his wife Elizabeth A. White and Fred Sarrah L. Effie J. Jennie M. and Hatti E. Children of Charles L. and Elizabeth A. White whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances have applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Dana

Respectfully Yours

Ezra Comee

Mr White came to me and said that they had not got anything in the house to eat [one of said Overseers] thought if they could have enough to last them two days they could get along I let them have about three dollars worth of Provisions E. C.

Office of the Overseers of the
Poor Charity Building
Corner of Hawkins & Chardon Streets
Boston November 28, 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the
town of Dana

Gentlemen

Matthew Cook &
wife whose legal settlement is in
your town but now residing in this
City being in needy circumstances
have applied to this Board for relief
which we have granted and charged
to your town and shall continue
so to do until you remove or other-
wise provide for their support
For and in behalf of the Overseers of
the Poor of the City of Boston
with respect your obedient Servant

Alanson Begelow one of
said Overseers

Dana Jan 19th 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston

Gentlemen

Your notice of Nov 28 - 1879 informing us That Matthew Cook & wife are on expence as Paupers in your City and alleging that the legal settlement of said Paupers is in This town was duly received Upon due inquiry we find no evidence That This town is the place of legal settlement of said Paupers We therefore decline removing said Paupers or paying any expence that has arisen or may arise for their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully Yours

Ezra Comee - Ovr
said Overseers

Mailed Postage
Paid Jan 21 - 1880

Office of the Overseers of the Poor
City Hall Springfield Mass
Nov 25. 1879
To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of
Dana
Gentlemen
Oscar L Steele whose
legal settlement is in your town but
now residing in this city being in
needy circumstances has applied to this
Board for relief which we have granted
and charged to your town and shall
continue so to do until you remove
which you are requested to do or otherwise
provide for his support
For and in behalf of the Overseers
of the Poor of the City of Springfield
With respect Gentlemen
James H. Lewis
one of said
Overseers

Oscar L. 22 yr old is a
son of Washington S. Steele who
lived in your town for a number of
years and died there about 1861

Mailed Dec 27-1879 Postage Paid

Dana Dec 25 1879

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Springfield

Gentlemen

Your notice of Nov 25-1879 informing us that Oscar L. Steele is an expense as a Pauper in your city and alleging that the legal Settlement of said Pauper is in this town is received Upon due inquiry we find no evidence that this town is the place of lawful Settlement of said Pauper We therefore decline removing said pauper or paying any expense that has arisen or may arise for his support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully Yours

Ezra Comee - One of said Overseers

I do not think Washington S. Steele ever lived in Dana he was not taxed here Augustus W. Steele lived in Dana a few years and died in 1860 but he did not gain a Settlement in this town E. C.

Dana Jan 5th 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Greenwich

Gentlemen

Marcia ann Marsh whose Legal Settlement is in your Town but now residing in this Town being needy circumstances has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for her support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully Yours

Ezra Comee one of said Overseers

Doctor Orcutt was called to see Marcia and he notified us that he should look to the town for his pay Doctors Bill is all

E. C.

Office of the Overseers of the Poor
Charity Building Corner of Hawkins & Chardon Sts
Boston Jan 20 1880

Town of Dana

To City of Boston

Overseers of the Poor Dr

For aid rendered the following cases

to Dec 31st 1879

Elizabeth Reinbach	(balance from 1878		3,04
	1879		37,31
" "			16 —
Matthew Cook			
			$ 83,35

Payable to Overseers of the Poor

Office of Overseers Poor City Hall
City of Fitchburg Jan 27-1880
To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of
Dana Gentlemen

Sarah E. Beach widow
of the late Reuben H. Beach with one daughter
Whose legal settlement is in Dana but
now residing in this city being in needy
circumstances has applied to this Board for
relief which we have granted and shall continue
so to do and charge the same to your town
until you remove or otherwise provide for
their support which you are requested to
do as they are now the proper charge of
your town

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the
Poor of the City of Fitchburg
With respect Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Cyrus Thurston - one of said
Overseers

P.S.
Reubin H. Beach was a son of
David M. Beach who enlisted and served as one
of your Quota in the late war He has gained
no settlement in his own right

C. T.

Office of the Overseers of the Poor
Charity Building
corner of Hawking & Eberdon Street
Boston Feb 28 — 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town
of Dana

Gentlemen

Matthew Cook and
Eliz[a]beth Rimbach ackn[d] cases
whose legal settlement is in your town
are now residing in this city being
in needy circumstances have applied
to this Board for relief which we have
granted and charged to your town
and shall continue so to do until you
remove or otherwise provide for their
support

For and in behalf of the Overseers
of the Poor of the City of Boston

With respect Gentlemen your
Obedient Servant

Please inform Alanson Bigelow one of
us on what grounds you said
deny Matthew Cook & oblige Resp[t] your Overseers
Boston Mar 2/80 B Potter Sec[y]

Mailed Postage Paid Mar 15 1880

Dana March 15th 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston

Gentlemen

Your notice of the 28th of Feb 1880 informing us that Matthew Cook is on expense as a Pauper in your City and alleging That the legal Settlement of said Pauper is in this town was duly received

Upon due inquiry we are satisfied that this town is not the place of legal settlement of said Pauper We therefore decline removing said Pauper or paying any expence that has arisen or may arise for his support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

With respect Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant

Ezra Comee - one of said Overseers

you ask on what grounds we deny Matthew Cook we think he has gained a settlement in the City of Boston since the War

Ez Co.

Boston March 19 1880

Overseers of Poor of Dana

Gentlemen

Yours of 15th
received as Cook was ruled in
1877 & also 1879 the Taxes for 1878 & 1879
which he says you paid for him
will no effect to change his Settlement
We shall be glad to have you settle
bill rendered in January as soon
as convenient & oblige

Resp yours

B. Potter Secy

Lynn April 1st 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the
City of Boston

Gentlemen

Will you please
inform us by return mail what the
expence is per week for aid furnished
Elizabeth Rimback and whether the aid
is likely to be permanent
you say in your letter of the 19th of last
month that Mr Cook says that we paid
his taxes for 1878 & 1879 that is a Mistake
we have not paid Mr Cook taxes, one of our
Board was at Boston the last of December 1879
Mr Cook told him that he had been taxed in
Boston for quite a number of years previous
to 1878 and had paid his taxes, said he
had not been called upon for taxes for
1878 or 1879 said he didnot Think he was taxed
we have not seen Mr Cook since nor
had any correspondence with him
whatever

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Comee one of
said Overseers

Dana April 12th 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Prescott

Gentlemen

Nathan M. Thayer whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged the same to your Town and shall continue so to do until you remove said Pauper which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for his support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Dana

Yours Truly

Ezra Comee - one of said Overseers

Nathan M. Thayer got badly hurt the other day

E. C.

Dana June 9th 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Ware

Gentlemen

George Winslow whose legal settlement is in your town (Ware) but now residing in this town sick and being in needy circumstances has applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and charged the same to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove said Pauper which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for his support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Dana

Respectfully Yours

Ezra Lowell One of said Overseers

Mailed June 9th
Postaged

Office of Overseers of Poor
Ware Mass. June 10th 1880
To the Overseers of Poor Dana
Gents

What is the trouble with
Mr Finlow how much have you
relped him and what is the
prospect what will it cost
per week Please write and
oblige

Yours Truly

C. E. Blood
One of The Overseers

Dana Aug 28th 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor of the
town of Ware

Gentlemen

Enclosed please
find a Bill for aid rendered George
Winslow from June 1st to July 22 1880

Teamsters Bill	115,11
Doctors —	43,75
Clothes	5,70
	$164,45

Respectfully yours
Ezra Gomez one of the
Overseers of the
Poor of Dana

Dana Aug 28th 1880

Town of Ware To the Town of Dana Dr
To aid rendered George Winslow $164,45

Paid Jan 27- 1881

Dana jan 5th 1861

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Greenwich

Gentlemen

Marcia A. Marsh whose Legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being sick and in needy circumstances has applied to this board for relief which we have granted and charged the same to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for her support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully yours

Ezra Lowe one of said Overseers

Doctor Arnett has notified us that he shall look to this town for his pay for doctoring her that is all as yet

Ez. L.

Dana Jan 10th 1861

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Townsend

Gentlemen

Your Letter of the 10th ult informing us that Charles M Woodard is in your town on expence as a pauper is received When Mr Woodard left This town he told the overseers of the Poor That when he could not get a long without help he would come back and not make The town any expence he has not kept his word for if you will see him aboard the Cars and pay his fare to North Dana (put him under the Conductors care) and send us your bill we will see it paid

Yours &C

Ezra Comee one of the Overseers of the Poor

Townsend Dec 30 1880

To the Overseers of the Poor
of Dana

Gentlemen

Charles H. Woodard whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town has applied to us for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove or otherwise provide for his relief which you are requested to do

With Respect

A G Stearns
Chairman of Overseers
of Poor of Townsend

Dana Jan 26 - 1881

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Greenwich

Gentlemen

Marcia A. Marsh whose legal settlemen is in your town but now residing in this town being sick and in needy circumstances has applied to this town for relief which we granted and charged the same to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for her support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully yours

Ezra Conner - one of said Overseers

P.S. Johnson was at my house this morning and said he should charge one dollar per day for taking care of her I think you had better go and see her

Yours &

E. C.

Dana March 80 1881

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Hubbardstown

Gentlemen

John H. Ealon and his Wife Eliza G. Ealon Whose lawful Settlement is in your town are now in the town of Dana in need of assistance as Paupers We have furnished relief and Charged the same to your town and Shall continue to Charge their Expence to your town until you remove or otherwise provid for them Which you are requested to do With Respect

S. H. Richardson
Chairman of Overseers
of the Poor of Dana

Salem March 14th 1881

To Overseers of the Poor Sheriff's Building
Boston

Gentlemen

Your letter of [illegible]
respecting the Support of Matthew Cook &
Elizabeth Hemlock has duly received & in
Enquiring We are Satisfied that Town is not
the place of Lawful Settlement of said Paupers
we cannot therefore cause their removed
nor contribute towards their Support

Yours with Respect
By Order of the Overseers of the Poor
[illegible]

[illegible]
Clerk of said Overseers

Dana March 30th 1881

To the Overseers of the Poor Dorchester
Boston Mass

Gentlemen

John H. Eaton
and his Wife Eliza G. Eaton Whose lawful
Settlement is in your City are now in the
town of Dana in need of assistance as Paupers.
We have furnished relief and charged
the same to yours City and shall continue
to charge their expence to your City until
you remove them or otherwise provide for
them Which you are requested to do

Respectfully Yours
By order of the Overseers of the Poor
of the Town of Dana

S. H. Richardson
one of Said Overseers

Mailed April 1st 1881

Dana April 6th 1881

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Greenwich

Gentlemen

Marcia Ann Marsh

Whose lawful Settlement is in your town is now in the town of Dana in need of assistance as a Pauper We have furnished relief and Charged the Expence to your town and shall Continue to Charge her Expence to your town untill you remove or otherwise provide for her Which you are requested to do With Respect

S. N. Richardson

one of the Overseers of the Poor

Dana June 20th 1887

Overseers of the Poor Charity Buildings

Boston

Gentlemen

Enclosed We Send you Check for the Amount of your Bill as we understand it against the Town of Dana for the Support of Wm Reinhard and Mathew Cook

Please Send a Receipt for the Same

We understand by Mr Brown who Called on us a few days Since that Mr Cook is Entitled to Militia aid if So there are facts to be obtained in regard to Applicant which I Suppose you can answer better than We can if you will Send us a Blank properly filled out or Send us all the necessary facts you will confer a favour We would like to know the probable monthly Expence of his Support Mr Brown thinks he left Dr Crowells Bill for medical Attendance on John H. Eaton With you Also one other Small Bill if So with you Please Send them

Respectfully Yours

S. H. Richardson

one of the Overseers of the Poor of Dana

Dana July 12th 1887

Overseers of the Poor Chapity Building Boston

Gentlemen

We Wish to Enquire if you are furnishing aid now to Matthew Cook and Mrs Rimback if so What amount per Week for Each, Mr Cook told Mr Skinner one of our board of Overseers he thought he could get along With $1,50 per Week We have just gott return from the Auditors office of Six dollars Military aid for the Month of June if you have furnished aid if that is not Sufficient We Would like to know it if you will let him have that Amount per ~~Week~~ Month We Will pay you as often as you request it Will you please inform us if there is a Chance to get State aid for Mrs Rimback if you Will answer these Enquiries you Will confer a favour

S H Richardson

One of the Overseers of the Poor of Dana

Dana, Nov 16th 1861

To the Overseers of the Poor Charity Building
Boston

Gentlemen

Some time Since
We Sent you our Bill Against your City
for the Expence of John N. Eaton and Wife
with a request that We Should hear from
you Soon not having heard from you We Wish
to Enquire the reason Why you have not Answered
We are Satisfied after a careful Examination
of the records of the town of Hubbardston that
Eaton had no lawful Settlement there

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the
Poor in the town of Dana

With Respect
S. N. Richardson

Dana Nov 28th 1887

To the Overseers of the Poor Charity Building
Boston

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 23 inst Was
received respecting Elizabeth Rimbach We
Wrote you July 12th Enquiring the Weekly
Expence you Wrote us you Were paying her
three dollars per month We are Expecting
to pay you that amount
Please inform ~~inform~~ us your desission in
the John W, Eaton case

Respectfully yours

L. W, Richardson
One of the Overseers of the Poor of Dana

Dana Nov 29th 1881

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Worcester

Gentlemen

Your letter of Nov 1st respecting the Support of Nelson H. Woodward his Wife and Son Clarence Was received upon enquiry and Investigation We are Satisfied this Town is not the place of lawful Settlement of Said Paupers We cannot therefore cause their removal nor pay any Bills that have accrued or Contribute to their Support hereafter

Pen'd in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

With Respect

S. H. Richardson

One of Said Overseers

Dana Dec, 14th 1881

Directors of Public Institutions Boston.

Gentlemen

We Wrote to the Overseers of the Poor of Boston in regard to our Bill against your City for Rent rendered John H. Eaton & Wife they answered by saying that you had it under Consideration and that it was not in their Charge We Wish to Know your decision in regard to it We are Satisfied after a Careful investigation of the records of the Town of Hubbardston that Eaton had no lawful Settlement there

Respectfully Yours

By Order of the Overseers of the Poor

L. H. Richardson

Chairman

Dana Jan, 17th 1882

Department of In Door Poor State House
Boston

Gentlemen

Your letter of Dec, 9th respecting George Simmons Was received We admit that Job Simmons had a Settlement in Dana When he died but We find that he had no Sons that Was less than twenty one years of age When he gained a Settlement in Dana As We understand the law Children follow the Settlement of their parents at the time they are twenty one years of age if they dont gain one of theirselves We therefore deny the Settlement of Geo Simmons in Dana

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor in Dana

With Respect

L. H. Richardson
Chairman

Dana Jan 30th 1882

Overseers of the Poor Charity Building Boston

Enclosed I Send you Check the Amount of your Bill for Aid rendered Elizabeth Reimbach up to Dec 31st 1881 Please acknowledge Reciept

Respectfully Yours

L. H. Richardson

Dana Jan 30th 1882

R. Peterson Jr Officer of Soldiers Relief

Dear Sir Enclosed I Send you Check of Eight dollars Military Aid for Matthew Cook for the Month of January Which you will please let him have

Respectfully Yours L. H. Richardson

Dana Feb 14th 1882

Department of Indoor Poor State House Boston

Gentlemen

Your letter of Jan 25th respecting Adella E. Howe was duly received We find on Enquiry that Ira A. Howe did not gain a Settlement in the town of Dana in Consequence of moving his family and living in Another town. We therefore deny the Settlement of Said Adela E Howe

Respectfully Yours

L N. Richardson

Chairman of Overseers

of the Poor in Dana

Dana March 27th 1882

Mrs Frank J Beede

Sir

After a
thorough investigation and consideration
of the case of the Nichols vs Board of
Selectmen have come to the conclusion
that the town of Dana is not liable
to pay any damage arising from any
injury sustained by Mrs Nichols as by
Symptoms whilst passing through Dana
on the fourth of February 1882 and
shall refuse to pay them anything

Sardius Skinner
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
of Dana

To the overseers of the poor of Orange

Gentlemen Ruben H Hamilton
Carrie Hamilton, Minnie Hamilton
Stella Hamilton. Hazen Hamilton
and an infant child of Ruben Hamilton
and Carrie Hamilton. not named
who's legal settlements are in your town
but now residing in this town being
in needy circumstances have applied to this
board for relief which we have granted
and charged to your town and shall
continue so to do until you remove
or otherwise provide for their support.

For and in behalf
of the overseers of the town of Dana
With respect Gentlemen yours
obedient Servent

Sardius Skinner
One of said overseers

Dana April 18th 1882

Dana June 27 st 1882

To the overseers of the poor of the town of Palmer

Gentlemen

Yours of the 27 of May is received and would say in reply that we claim that Charles W Parker has no legal settlement in this town We cannot cause his removal nor contribute to his support

Signed in behalf of the overseers of Dana

Yours &c

Gardiner F Grimes

Dana June 29th 1882

To the Overseers of the poor of the town of Palmer

Gentlemen

I received your letter of the 27th of May In regard to Charles W Parker whose legal settlement you allege is in this town would say in reply that Charles W Parker has no legal settlement in this town therefore we cannot remove him nor contribute towards his support

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of Dana

Sardius Stimmes

Barre Sept 1st 1882

To the Overseers of the poor of the town of Barre

Gentlemen Mrs William White has a legal settlement in your town as she was residing in this town being in reduced circumstances has applied to this board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue to do so until you remove us otherwise provide for her

for and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of Barre

Fordis Stevens
one of said Overseers

Mrs White is sick and the nature of the relief granted thus far is for medical attendance by Dr Martin of Peterham

Dear Sir 1853

Overseers of the poor of Meredith

Mrs Ellen M Harvey
William H Harvey
Charles E Harvey

whose legal Settlements are in your town but now reside in this town are in needy circumstances have applied to this board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do till removed & otherwise provided for

Gardius Skinner
one of said Overseers

Office
of
The Overseers of the poor

Athol Mass Sept 18 1882

To the overseers of the poor of the town of
Gentlemen
Dame
Nelson J Pettham and Wife
Whose legal settlement is in your town
but now residing in this Town being in
needy circumstances have applyed to this
board for relief which we have granted
and charged to your Town and shall
continue to do so untill you receive
as otherwise provide for this support
And you are requested to remove said
paupers from this Town

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the poor
of the Town of Athol
With respect Gentlemen your obedient
Servent

G Southard
One of said Overseers

Mr Peckham had sickness in his family at the time was called away the notice given Down as he has not been in that the proper time to acquire a settlement

Yours Truly
G. Southard
Overseer of Poor

(Dana Oct 19th 1852

To the overseers of the poor of the town of Barre

Gentlemen

Mr William White and his wife whose legal settlement we are informed is in your town but now residing in this town have applied to this Board for relief which we have granted and have provided to your town and shall continue to do so until you remove them or otherwise provide for their support

Per and in behalf of the overseers of Dana

With respect Gentlemen

Sardius Skinner

Clerk of said Overseers

Dover Jan 3rd 1883

To the overseers of the poor of the town of Winchendon Mass

Gentlemen Nila Whitney whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances has a right to her legal relief which we have granted and for which purpose to be furnished by you which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for her

We are in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dover

With respect Gentlemen

Yours obedient servant

Tardius Shimes

Nila Whitney is the widow of George H Whitney he is the son of Hiram Whitney he the son of Jemima Whitney who lived upon real estate and died in your town Hiram Whitney George H Whitney & others never gained a settlement any where so far as I

Dana Jan 3rd 1833

To the overseers of the poor of the town of Westfield

Gentlemen

This is to inform you of a legal settlement in your town but now residing in this town being in needy circumstances has applied to this board for relief which we have granted and shall continue so to do until you remove her which you are required to do as otherwise provide for her

This is sent in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana

With respect — Gentlemen

Yours obedient Servant

Sarchus Skinner

one of said overseers

The bearer went from this town eight weeks ago to Westfield and came back last fall I do not know where for one George Gault

Dana Mass 3rd 1883

To the overseers of the poor of the town of Russ

Gentlemen William Hale his wife and daughter have legal settlements in your town and being in needy circumstances have applied to this board for relief which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove them which you are requested to do or otherwise provide for them

For and in behalf of the overseers of the poor of the town of Dana,

Hoth seasest town clerk

Your obedient Servant

Sardius Skinner

One of said overseers

His wife is very low with consumption

Mr Austin of Blackburn Lancashire
brought the full sum of £4 10s out
to be his share of the profits
of his whilst he was here. Such without
query (Dec. 25th 1886) he gave him
notice that he should look to other terms
for pay at 3/- per week at the end
of his [illegible] the man that is
while hires his House & until he should
look to that board this pay we have
brought about these dollars worth of
clothing for his little children one
and cloth for one pair of sheets
for provision they have got along
themselves

S. S

1864 May Order to Abbea Bliss 4.00

Winchendon Mass Feb 1 1853

To the overseers of the Poor Town of Winchendon

Gentlemen

Upon notice given to us by
the overseers of the Poor of Winchendon
was duly received
at our meeting we are satisfied that
this person is not the lawful
settlement of the said Widow Ivory
We cannot think ourselves called to be
removed as attributed towards her
support

Yours and in behalf of the overseers
of the poor of the town of Winchendon

Wheelock Poland
one of said Overseers

Northern District ss
To the Trustees of the Poor of the Town
of Hanover

Gentlemen Upon notice
to me given as Overseer of the Poor of
the Town of Hanover of an expence as a Pauper
in your Town and objecting that the
legal settlement of ~~in~~ in this Town is
removed upon due inquiry I am
fully satisfied that this Town is
the place of ~~his~~ last legal settlement
of said Pauper I therefore decline
to pay any part of the charges of paying any
expences that may accrue or ~~any~~ may
arise for her support

Yours &c
in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor
of the Town of Hanover

R B Makepeace
One of said Overseers

Dana Mass March 2nd 18[illegible]

To the Overseers of the Poor } Gentlemen
of the town of Ware }

Wm F White and his daughters
Jennie E White and Miss Lizzie
James F White whose legal
settlements are in your town
but now residing in this town being
in need of assistance applied to this Board for
relief which we have granted and
charged to your town and there
upon we do hereby notify you
to provide for them which you are required
to do or otherwise provide for their
support

Per order of said
Overseers of the Poor of the town
of Dana

With respect Gentlemen
your obedient Servant

Justin Thomas
one of said Overseers

To Selectmen of Lincoln have paid the several sums of money as below stated to the family of said Bliss under the provisions of the several laws passed by the Legislature granting aid to the families of Volunteers in the military service of the United States, towit,

1864	March 4th for Jany	4.00
	March 11 for Feb	4.00
	April 11	4.00

[illegible] Rus was mustered into
the military service of the United States

Paine March 3rd 1883

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Winchendon

Gentlemen

Lida R. Whitney whose legal settlement is in your town but now residing in this town being in such circumstances as has applied to the Selectmen said which we have granted and charged to your town and shall continue so to do until you remove her which you are requested to do as otherwise provided for her

Per and in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Paine

With respect Gentlemen

Your obedient Servent

Lucius Skinner

one of said Overseers

Dana March 8th 1865

To the Overseers of the Poor of the
town of Westbrookfield

Gentlemen

Mrs Phila P Whitney whose legal
settlement is in your town but
now residing in this town being
in needy circumstances has applied
to this Board for relief which we
have granted and charged to your
town and shall continue so to do
until you remove her which you
are requested to do as otherwise
trouble for her

Yrs and in behalf
of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town
of Dana

With respect Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Jordan Thimes
one of said Overseers

The selectmen of Dover have paid the several sums placed below to the order of Mrs Ann of Edward Stone

1864 March 12	Paid	Jany 1864	12.00
21	Paid	Feby -	12.00
April 4	Paid	for March -	12.00
May 4	-	Apl	12.00
May 31	-	- May	12.00

Edward Stone was mustered into the
military service of the United States

Apl 20	Paid by order	Simm	$12.00.
May 24th	Paid by order		$12.00

George H. Alexander — 37
Esther Alexander — 30
William Henry Alexander 14
Pamelia Ann — 11
Lewis Franklin — 8
John Benjamin — 6
Jane infant

James Stevens

Martha Ann Stevens his wife
Joseph W. Stevens his son 5 years
Geo. N. Stevens his son 3 years

Per Selectmen of Dunbarton paid to Mrs
Henry Smith the following sums & the
Town Orders stated under the several Laws
granting aid to families of Volunteers in the
military service of the United States Viz.

1864 Feb 18	Paid Mrs Mary L Smith for Dec		4.00
March 18	" " " for Feb		4.00
Apl 5.	" " " for March		4.00
Apl 30.	" " " for April		4.00
May 28.	Paid Mrs Smith for May		4.00
	To June 1st from 26th May to 1st June 7 wks		7.00

Henry Smith of Dana was mustered into
the service of the United States January 7
1864. 15th Reg. Co (H) Massachusetts Volun-
teers. Dependence upon him ~~of~~ his wife
Fanny Lane and his wife

The Selectmen of Dover issue, paid to Hevica Tilton, the several sums set below

1864 Feby 29	Paid	Hevica	Tilton	4.00
March 30	"	"	"	4.00
Apl 30	"	"	"	4.00
May 31	"	"	"	4.00

Marcus Tolman

Hosea Tolman Jan. 1st

The selectmen of Dover have paid Dominicus R. Potter the following sums, at the several times below stated, under the provisions of the acts of the Legislature granting aid to the families of Volunteers.

Feby	Paid Dominicus R. Potter	12.00
March	" " "	12.00
April 1st	" " " Back pay	36.00
April 1st	" " under law of Feb 9, 1864.	12.00
May 1st	" "	12.00
May 31.	" " "	12.00

Daniel R. Potter enlisted into the military service of the United States 81st Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers Company (C) Capt. H. Lee Ladd P. Goodin and was sworn into the service of the United states December 4, 1861.

Mariah L. Potter his wife aged 44 years
Charles F. Potter aged 18 years
Frederick L. Potter aged 10 years

Potter was discharged Aug 5, 1863 from the service of the U.S. and died Sept 1863

Office of the Overseers of The Poor
Pelham Mass Jan 26 1864

To the Overseers of the Poor of the
town of Dana Mass Gentlemen
Leonard Stone and family
whose legal settlement is in your
town but now residing in this town
being in needy circumstances has applied
to this board for relief which we have
granted and charged to your town and
shall continue to do until you remove
or otherwise provide for their support
For and in behalf of the Overseers of the
Poor of the town of Pelham
With respect Gentlemen your obedient
servant

M. E. Boynton
one of Said Overseers

Dana Feb 4 1864

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town
of Pelham

Gentlemen your letter of Jan 26/64
claiming that the legal Settlement of Leonard
Stone and family is in this town is received
and its contence noted We suppose Leonard Stone has a
legal Settlement in Dana not knowing
what his family consists of we cannot
remove them nor contribute towards
their support

For and in behalf of the Overseers
of the Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully yours

Ezra Comee
one of said
Overseers

I understand that mr Stone is not
living with his lawful wife I think
the woman and children have a Settlement
in Greenwich

E. C.

Dana Feb 4th 1864

To the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Petersham

Gentlemen

Enclosed you will find a Bill for aid rendered Mary Seeley & child would like to have it paid before we settle with our Treasurer

Respectfully yours

Ezra Lamee
one of the overseers of the Poor of the town of Dana

Dana Feb 4th 1864

The Town of Petersham

To the Town of Dana Dr

To aid rendered Mary Seeley and child

18,26

Dana April 2d 1884

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of
of Northampton

Gentlemen

Delia Fish and
three children wife and children of Albert
Fish whose legal Settlement is in your City
but now residing in this town being in needy
circumstances has applied to this Board for
relief which we have granted and charged
to your City and shall continue so to do
until you remove them which you are requested
to do or otherwise provide for their Support

For and in behalf of the Overseers of the
Poor of the town of Dana

Respectfully yours

Ezra Comee - One of
said Overseers

N.B.
Their French name
is Poisson

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